

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL BOARD

On motion of Mr. Segura, duly seconded by The Entire Board, the following Resolution was proposed and adopted:

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of W. Fox McKeithen of Columbia, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana State Mineral Board learned of the death of W. Fox McKeithen on Saturday, July 16, 2005, at the age of fifty-eight; and

WHEREAS, W. Fox McKeithen was the Secretary of State serving the people of the state for more than twenty-two years, a highly respected public servant, and a former state representative whose death has caused a true sense of grief felt throughout the entire State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the son of the former Louisiana State Governor John J. McKeithen, and a lifelong resident of Columbia, Mr. McKeithen graduated from Caldwell Parish High School, and then graduated from Louisiana Tech University and then established three successful businesses in Caldwell Parish and additionally served as a teacher and coach at Caldwell Parish High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKeithen was elected in 1983 to the Louisiana House of Representatives and served on the Appropriations, Natural Resources and Joint Budget Committees; and

WHEREAS, in 1987 he was elected Secretary of State. Mr. McKeithen was elected to a fifth consecutive term in 2003 with 72 percent of the vote; and

WHEREAS, a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System; Louisiana Tourist Development Commission; Louisiana Workmen's Compensation, Second Injury Board; Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs; Chairman of the State Board of Election Supervisors; the State Bond Commission; International Association of Corporate Administrators; International Association of Clerks, Records, Election Officials and Treasurers; and National Association of Secretaries of State and a member of the Louisiana High School Coaches Association, Mr. McKeithen's dedication and love for the people of Louisiana was displayed through his continuous drive and devotion to hard work.

WHEREAS, Mr. McKeithen is survived by his four children Marjorie Ann, Marianne May, Rebecca Ann and John Jesse and two grandchildren James Ford Murray Garon and Jesse Fox McKeithen Garon.

WHEREAS, with the death of W. Fox McKeithen, Louisiana has lost one of its finest sons, a great public servant who loved his state and all of its traditions and a man whose accomplishments have left an indelible mark upon his family, state, and nation; and

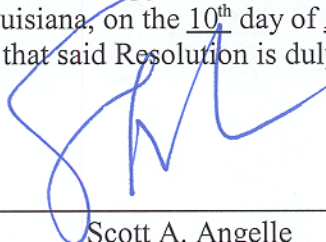
WHEREAS, the death of Mr. McKeithen has left a substantial void in the State of Louisiana and has engendered a genuine sense of loss in the many citizens' lives he touched, and his memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all those who knew and loved this remarkable gentleman.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Mineral Board does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of W. Fox McKeithen of Columbia, Louisiana; does hereby record for posterity his singular and outstanding achievements, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he brought to the State of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of W. Fox McKeithen.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the State Mineral Board held in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 10th day of August, 2005, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Book of said Board and is now in full force and effect.



Scott A. Angelle
State Mineral Board Chairman
Secretary, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources